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## V. SUPPLEMENT TO SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

### A. Claim 1

1. A pre-paid airline ticketing system comprising:
  - a processor; and
  - a storage device in communication with said processor and configured to store a record representing a pre-paid, fixed-price option purchased by a customer, the record including:
    - (i) a plurality of geographic flight parameters and a plurality of non-geographic flight parameters, at least one of the geographic flight parameters being unspecified and at least one of the non-geographic flight parameters being participating airlines available for selection by the customer for booking a flight; and
    - (ii) an identifier associated with and uniquely identifying the record for the customer to use to exercise the pre-paid, fixed price option; andsaid processor configured to:
    - verify an identifier submitted by a customer to exercise the pre-paid, fixed-price option;
    - retrieve the record including the identifier submitted by the customer;
    - directly communicate and present information to the customer, the information representative of flights available to be selected by the customer based on the geographic and non-geographic flight parameters stored in the record;
    - directly receive selection information of one of the flights from the customer; and
    - book the flight selected by the customer from among the presented flights by exercising the pre-paid, fixed-price option. (emphasis added)

Briefly, a system according to claim 1 includes a "processor configured to ... present information ... representative of flights available to be selected by the customer ... receive selection information of one of the flights from the customer and book the flight selected by the customer ... exercising the pre-paid, fixed-price option." As disclosed in the original specification, "a processor configured to" is disclosed in at least FIG. 7A, processor 352 of pre-paid airline ticket (PPT) server 350 and p. 22, line 22 - p. 23, line 1, "present information" is disclosed in at least at least FIG. 7A, processor 352 of pre-paid airline ticket (PPT) server 350 and p. 22, line 22 - p. 23, line 1, "representatives of flights available to be selected by the

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customer" is disclosed in at least FIG. 4 and p. 17, lines 2-21, "receive selection information of one of the flights from the customer and book the flight selected by the customer" is disclosed in at least at least FIG. 4, p. 17, line 22 - p. 18, lines 1-4, and "exercising the pre-paid, fixed-price option" is disclosed in at least FIG. 4 and p. 18, lines 1-4. Also, databases 200 of FIG. 4A and p. 18, line 15 - p. 19, line 10.